

Erie Steeple Chase, Multi-Day Tour

Hit the high points of Erie, PA's only port city and site of the historic Battle of Lake Erie, including the maritime museum, St. Patrick's Church, Pulasko's Chocolates and more!

Known as the "Gem City" for its location on the edge of sparkling Lake Erie, the city offers a fun blend of sites for a variety of travelers. A highlight is certainly the Erie Maritime Museum where exhibits including a short video illustrate the dramatic story of the Battle of Lake Erie and the War of 1812. Group members may also be able to visit the U.S. Brig Niagara, a reconstructed flagship, if in port.

Another historic highlight is St. Patrick's Church built in the early 1900s, and well known for 7/8 life size Stations of the Cross. The hand-carved wooden statues were made in Germany and a hand-painted canvas depicting the background of the city of Jerusalem unfolds behind the Stations. The church will provide a guide for group visits as well as an organist.

Time to enjoy the city's great food. Stop at Pulasko's Chocolates to see how they make a variety of delicious treats and take home a bag of sponge candy, a regional specialty. We may also visit sites along the Lake Erie Wine Trail. After all wine and chocolate are hard to beat!

The Tom Ridge Center offers a video and displays describing the ecosystem of Presque Isle Bay, a 75 foot glass tower (with elevator and stair access) for great views, and gift shop. Also included may be a driving tour of Presque Isle with a guide dressed as Joe Root, the legendary hermit of Presque Isle. You'll see a light house and the Perry Monument, a 352-foot Doric column commemorating the Battle of Lake Erie in which Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry earned the Battle of 1812's greatest naval victory.

Time can also be included to visit Presque Isle Downs & Casino as well as the historic Warner Theatre.

Best May to October.

Tour options include:

- Erie Maritime Museum and Brig Niagara
- St. Patrick's Church
- Pulasko's Chocolates
- Presque Isle Downs & Casino
- Tom Ridge Environmental Center
- Historic Warner Theatre
- Lake Erie Wine Trail



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